Liberal Spending Reported Than Ever Before.

## HEADS OF STORES HAPPY

When the season's popular little old ntleman with the white whiskers and e twinkling eyes folds up his empty burlap bag, stands his shiny tired boots in the corner and sits down with a wellnow-let's-see sort of sigh to look over als inventories labelled "Christmas-1915" the smile of satisfaction that wreathes his kindly face will simply be the broadest, grandest smile that ever

"Well," he'll muse, "I'm getting live-Her every year. I don't think I missed many this trip. It certainly was some Christmas all around."

trailed in the old man's tracks yesterday among the city and State chari-table agencies, among the public and private distributers of Christmas cheer to old and young, and sounded sentiment among the mercantile leaders of New York, found that all agreed that never before in the greater city was the Christspending and generous giving, liberal; spending and general sharing of the holiday's good things so all pervading. It would be quite true to say that more Christmas money than ever before

and private charities, the Christmas just passed was an unusual one in the gen-eral manifestation of Christmas giving. The number of recipients of material blessings at the hands of others was larger, it is reckoned, and the number of persons who shared their better for-tunes with others was preselve therein of persons who shared their better for-tunes with others was greater, though individual contributions of money were rhaps smaller as a rule.

By the same token, heads of the city's department stores who were asked t they thought of Christmas this year beamed with satisfaction. Every-body shopped early and late. Purchases body shopped early and late. Purchases far exceeded these recorded in previous years, according to estimate, for it was years, according to estimate, for it was impossible to give definite figures for comparisons. There was far less un-employment in the city this year. To be sure, there was scarcely less poverty and distress, so the charitable agencies

cutaway coattails ballooning out wing and wing and his collar absolutely unwinkled even at the dusky end of a day of dancing.

The Charity Organization Society, the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the State Charities Association, the City Department of Charities, the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America found their contributing friends on the increase when they tailied up denations just before the Christmas distribution. There were not so many exceptionally large gifts of money and other things as last year, but the total was greater. The appreciation of one-half of how the other half lives was manifest to those who were agents of one to the other.

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## QUAKER CITY'S RECORD.

## Christmas Trade the Greatest Ever

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 .- Philadelphia experienced the greatest Christmas trade in its history during the week just closed. The last lap in the Christmas buying race was something that long will be remembered. Shelves were swept clean of Christmas goods and they were not replenished because stock in many tines had become exhausted.

Several retail stores were obliged to gifts. One of the features was the imclose on Friday because their goods were mense trade in confectionery. There all sold and they could not get any are more stores here in that line of more. Some jewelry stores in the central business section closed at noon and the clerks were sent home. One widely known candy store also closed at noon. 100,000 pounds of high priced chocolates A notice posted on the front door stated that every p und of confectionery in the place had been sold.

place had been sold.
"It is safe to say," said Postmaster
John A. Thornton, "that the total volume of Christmas business exceeds that
of last season by more than 40 per cent.
There has been an increase of several
million, pieces a day over last year."

## BOSTON FARED WELL.

More Generous Giving and He's Nearly 75, but, With Unwilted Collar, He Keeps Up Pace Set at McAlpin Convention as Maurice Shows New Goods.



Lewis Kretlow dancing with Mrs. Barry J. Hill.

Two things were noted by the relief agencies with regard to the Christmas giving. One was the remarkable increase in small contributors to various charities. The other was the apparent strange effect of last year's depression that was noticeable among those who catalas ballooning out wing and his collar absolutely us.

by to-day had selected several of the niftlest dancing steps which Maurice had

Criticism of Maurice's Goods. But, one may take it on the word of none other than Tom McDougall himself.

not been so besieged in years, they say, for table bookings and supper accommodations. They think that the rising stock market has something to do with the cellar merchant.

syndicate of more than \$300,000 a year, ning. The Coroner's physician actions the death to "asphyxiation due to inhalation of gasolene fumes." Dr. John the cellar merchant.

D. Ellis, head of the department of occupational diseases of Rush Medical Colors, and the color of the color of the color of the cellar merchant. making, but they assume also that there is a good deal of general prosperity cellars and compel the dealer to pay "The gasolene fumes that caused Mr.

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it possesses one or several supper rooms will be jammed from wall to wall next Friday night, when 1915 bows itself out and 1916 comes perkily in. Every restaurant favored by New Yorkers and the holiday visitors will be crowded to case of the city's poor" that has caused him

nvertainment will be supplied to the patrons as well as supper and the joy inducing liquids that accompany supper, a New Year's Eve supper will be offered at a definite price a plate. The cost of supper will vary according to the ornateness of the place or the liberality of the ornateness of the place or the liberality of the ornateness. ity of the entertainment. Generally speaking, any celebrator may sup sub stantially at from \$8 a cover to \$10 a cover. That price does not include, of course, the champagne or other drinks

Manhattan, the St. Regis and other well known hotels something very special will be attempted in the way of decoration, and the proprietors have already contracted to spend a considerable portion of their probable receipts in the way of providing musical and vaudeville entertainment. They expect their profits to be large. It was remarked yesterday that it is not unusual for a big hotel to take in as much as a specific pay.

Scissors: That's it.
Scissors: Great! Fine! Now you do
y it almost as well as even Maurice," concluded the great artist with a note of
modest joy in his tones.

"For five years Maurice," Maurice told
them when at the day's end every collar
in the place except Col. Kretiow's was
sagging from the line of beauty, "has
worked for the tango. But the American
people, Maurice has sadly noted, seemed
unable to grasp the tango tempo.

There was what the masters called a
"talkfest" in the McAlpin ball room at 8
of clock last night, during which various
masters of art made suggestions as to
individual pigeon wings they'd like to
see inserted in the late winter and spring
styles. This forencon Maurice and his
wife, known professionally as Miss
Florence, Walton, will unlimber their
sample cases once again on the McAlpin
roof and the whole convention will thereupon dance into new business.

Letter of the holiday programme.

Skating at the Biltmore.

Skating at the Biltmore
has arranged to entertain almost 3.000
merrymakers New Year eve. The Biltmore lee gardens will be a scene of
much beauty. Thousands of colored
electric lights will be strung over the ice
garden and at the stroke of 12 the orthe strain will strike up "The Star Spangled Banner." The Cascade ballroom
on the nineteenth floor of the hotel commands a clear view of the big clock of
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Walton Marshall of the Vanderbilt
says that according to reservations. New
Year's eve there will see a record break-

having but little time to purchase their gifts. One of the features was the immense trade in confectionery. There territory. CHICAGO'S TRADE FINE.

Highest Previous Record at Least Equalled.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—So far as reported the Chicago Christmas retail trade this year has equalled if not exceeded the highest previous record.

Retail dealers estimated to-day that the sales for the holiday season will the sales for the holiday season will be considered.

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At the Manhattan in the various restaurants a special supper will be served with souvenirs at \$5. Some of those who will be there are Mrs. Mochring Lawrence. Mrs. W. D. Moors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Christle. Sidney

## GREAT GRAN'PA KRETLOW NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN 1,000 COAL DEALERS MOTOR GAS DEATHS ALL N. Y. AGREES LEADS DANCING MASTERS TO BREAK RECORDS PAY DAILY TRIBUTE IN NEW YORK DENIED

Commissioner Joseph Hartigan of the Petromortis, the improperly com-Eve celebration in New York's hotels and Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measand restaurants is to be taken as an indication of abundance of money and believe that at least 1,000 of the 15,000 Bumphrey, a Chicago lawyer, is said to carrie if the combustion is imperfect and the car is 'smoking' you have asphyxiation of which Eugene M. That is a deadly gas and is the very believe that at least 1,000 of the 15,000 Bumphrey, a Chicago lawyer, is said to carrie of death.

and uplift in business in this city that is more substantial and significant than the Wall Street feature.

However that may be, there hasn't been such demand for table respectively. The payment of the dollar a day without been such demand for table respectively. The payment of the dollar a day without the payment of th

to dig deep into the operations of the syndicate

It is possible that the results of his to the situation.

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but the total was greater. The appreciation of one-half of low the other half lives was manifest to those who were sented of one to the other.

The Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, whose tireless Santa Clauses and Christmas pot tenders gathered the pennies, dimes, nickles and quarters for Christmas dimes rot the poor, did not get as much as they did at year, but there was a good excuse for the apparent waning of generosity cat the part of the casual passerby. The part of the casual passerby, the part of the Christmas.

More Generous Giving.

Christmas," sald Director W. Flank Persons of the Chairty Organization Society, "Last year was unusual too. Both were marked by more generous giving. Last year because of the unreceived many thouse the many precedented conditions in the city there are the part of the casual passerby, clearly was unusual too. Both were marked by more generous giving. Last year because of the unreceived many than the sum of the passer of the passe



well enough alone and say nothing about exchanging things, now that Christmas has come and gone-

But if "the size is wrong" or "it's not just what you want," we certainly want to make you satisfied as well as happy.

Christmas festivities mean festive attire.

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Dress suits and cutaways. Silk hats, canes, patent eathers, silk waistcoats, liress shirts.

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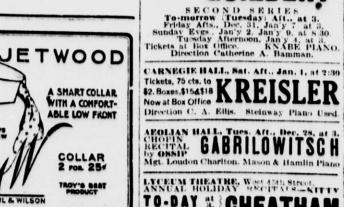
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at 13th St. "The

at Warren

Four Corners"

at 34th St. Fifth Ave. at 41st St.



# la knockout blow. "On certain foggy mornings," he remarked, "I can smell the sulphuric acid gas that is always present in the air as the result of burning coal. As I live on Riverside Drive I can also frequently distinguish other gases.

indication of abundance of money and believe that at least 1,000 of the 15,000 Bumphrey, a Chicago lawyer, is said to indication of abundance of money and of general prosperity, then good times have arrived.

That, at least, is the opinion of hotel and restaurant proprietors, who have not been so besieged in years, they say, for table bookings and supper accommodations. They think that the rising believe that at least 1,000 of the 15,000 Bumphrey, a Chicago lawyer, is said to have died, has no standing n New York.

Mr. Bumphrey, as told yesterday in the death. There are deadly gases all around us a lot of the time, but have death to "asphyxiation due to intereact about twenty pounds of sulphur or forty nounds of sulphur or

servations for eight years as the hotel and restaurant men have noted in the last week or so. Every hotel, whether the dealer charges for coal sold in small exhaust of every running automobile."

Dr. Ellis explained that the fumes were last a rate sometimes exceeding. quantities at a rate sometimes exceeding dangerous only in a closed garage, we they would kill almost instantly.

investigation may warrant him in calling Department, though at his home yester-the attention of the District Attorney day and without access to the records of deaths in his care, said :

The existence of the syndicate came to the knowledge of Mr. Hartigan no deaths from gasolene fumes in this through reports by inspectors of his buckley. Were there a death here from any reau under Chief Albert Lutz as to their such peculiar form of asphyxiation as known, to Polyclinic Hospital yesterday stantially at from \$8 a cover to \$10 a cover. That price does not include of course, the champagne or other drinks that may be required. Such delights that may be required as the response of the color of the color of the propertion of the color of the payment to them of the dollar a larking—New Year's Eve is quite likely.

It is hall do my utmost to expose the more flagrant last night and managed to hold the required as form an automobile exhaust I should certainly know about it. I have never the and of gasolene furmes as poisonous. And I think there must be something in the possible form of against the report it work of the measure coal dealers. In three days the inspectors visited 350 coal cells and I think there must be something in the provers of the coal and I think there must be something and mand the payment cases. The provers the required of gas

to be a very hilarlous occasion in this only an added imposition on the poorest of the poor, this \$1 a day exacted from the man who runs the coal cellar, but its bocker, the Plaza, the Vanderbilt, the Biltmore, the McAipin, the Claridge, the Manhattan, the St. Regis and other well known botals something very operations put a premium on dishonesty on the part of the fellow in the cellar, who has to pay no matter how small his receipts for the day was tanks, more or less overcome a few that the condition was the condition with he condition with he call called the condition was the condition with he called the condition with he called the condition was the condition was the condition with he called the condition was the condition with he called the condition was the condition w in any degree from a car's exhaust was unheard of, although they had had 'gasolene men," the men who fill cars'.

At Polycline Hospital it was said tanks, more or less overcome a few times by the fumes of raw gasolene, recovered consciousness only long enough

ence occasionally when atmosp ditions are right.
"The only gas to be feared in a

automobile exhaust is corroon monoxide which may form if the combustion i imperfect and which would, of course be dangerous or fatal in a small, close space, such as a one car garage."

Inquiry at several of the leading New York hospitals falled to show that there has ever been a case of petromortis in New York city. Most of the hospital

If there have been any such deaths in New York the New York Health Department does not know of them and would like to. Dr. William H. Guilfoy, registrar of vital statistics for the Health

ther motorists confirmed this.

It remained for J. B. F. Herreshoff,

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that the season has been the best in the history of the city. There was more buying, not bigger buying, but a greater number of individual purchases. buyers gathered around, Maurice un-packed his winter and spring samples of tangoes and fourtots and before night had climbed to the McAlpin roof twentytwo of the seventy-five or more dancing teachers who are expected to be present

Christmas Shopping Heavier Than
Ever Before.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Christmas shopping was more extensive in St. Louis than ever before, according to local inerchants. The Christmas buying began early in the month, but despite this there was the usual rush during the last week.

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Last Three Years.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Christmas trade in the shops here this year was above the average of the last three, according to competent observers and business men of this city. There were more shopers and their money more freely than a year ago. A year of increasing prosperity in the mill and manufacturing centres brought more money to the workers and they became lavish in their The crowded conditions of the stores was unpleasantly noticeable to people.

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though that institution gets almost every conceivable form of asphyxiation in its thousands of cases.

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